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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager Nuclear Waste Program State of Washington Department of Ecology 3100 Port of Benton Boulevard Richland, Washington 99354

Dear Ms. Hedges:

LETTER 14-NWP-044 AND EXTENSION OF DECISION OF CLASS 2 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT PERMIT MODIFICATION TO PERMIT ATTACHMENT 10

- References: (1) Ecology ltr. to M. McCormick, RL, and J. Fulton, CHPRC, from S. Dahl, "Letter 14-ESQ-0018, from M. McCormick, USDOE, to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, 'Transmittal of Proposed Class 2 Resource and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Modifications to Permit Conditions, Permit Attachments 8 and 10, and Groundwater Monitoring at the Hanford Facility Liquid Effluent Retention Facility and 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (LERF/ETF)," 14-NWP-044, dtd. March 26, 2014.
 - (2) RL ltr. to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, from M. McCormick, "Transmittal of Proposed Class 2 Resource and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Modifications to Permit Conditions, Permit Attachments 8 and 10, and Groundwater Monitoring at the Hanford Facility Liquid Effluent Retention Facility and 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (LERF/ETF)," 14-ESQ-0018, dtd. December 26, 2013.

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) as owner/operator and CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CHPRC) as the co-operator (hereinafter referred to as the Permittees) proposed Class 2 modifications to the general permit conditions related to groundwater, deletion of Permit Attachment 10, "Purgewater Management Plan" revision to Permit Attachment 8, "Well Maintenance and Inspection Plan" and revisions to unit specific conditions and addendum of the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility (LERF) and 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF).

The State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) extended the decision period for these Class 2 modifications for 30 days, until April 29, 2014, Reference (1). On April 8, 2014, Ecology agreed to make a permit decision on the other proposed Class 2 modification requests

(modifications to general permit conditions related to groundwater, revisions to Permit Attachment 8, and revisions to LERF/ETF conditions and addendum) by April 29, 2014. Also on April 8, 2014, representatives from Ecology and the Permittees met and agreed to extend the decision period for the proposed Class 2 modification to delete Permit Attachment 10 to allow for additional comment resolutions on this part of the modification request to May 29, 2014. The Permittees are consenting to this extension in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 173-303-830(4)(b)(vi)(G). The Permittees request further meetings to be scheduled with Ecology to resolve the comments related to Permit Attachment 10.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Stacy L. Charboneau, Assistant Manager for Safety and Environment, on (509) 373-3841.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record, TSD: S-2-8, H6-08

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Environmental Portal, LMSI, A3-01

HF Operating Record (J. K. Perry, MSA, H7-28)